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OTHER INFORMATION

*Examiner Initial	Document No.	Document Information
_____	01	Matsunaga, Yasuhiro et al. "Design of ferromagnetic shape memory alloy composites based on TiNi for robust and fast actuators." 2002. Proc. SPIE on Smart Materials. March 17-21, 2002: 4699:172. 10pp.
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